Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is this not the fit time to take up original works comprising earth work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Funds permitting, yes.

An article in the Cochinite.

379. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the Editorial and the article "The Acting Diwan" by 'The Cochinite' appearing on page 4 of the Mahathi dated 18th February 1933;

(2) if so, have the Government enquired into the veracity of the statements contained therein ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Government have perused the article.

(2) The article is more an expression of opinion than an assemblage of statements. It did not call for any verification at the hands of Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is not the editorial of papers generally considered as expressing the opinion of the public?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are the editors fools?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Sanction of T. A. rates to Councillors in Chittur.

380. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Municipality of Chittur had prayed for sanction of T. A. to the Councillors at the rate sanctioned for the Chairman;

(2) if so, what was the reply to the prayer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No.

(2) Does not arise.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Members of the Municipal Council the same status as the Chairman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Obviously not.

Sanction for remission of house-tax—Chittur Municipality.

381. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) had the Chittur Municipality requested the Government for sanction for the remission of house-tax;

(2) if so, what was the reply of the Government;

(3) what were the reasons assigned by the Municipality for the remission;

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(4) on what consideration remissions are generally ordered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Copies of the Diwan's Proceedings issued in the matter are appended. (*Appendix III.*)

(3) Economic depression and poverty.

(4) Each case will have to be considered on its merits.

Payment of land-tax in kind.

382. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any request from the Cochin tenants in the British parts to receive the land-tax in kind;

(2) have the tax been fully collected;

(3) if not, how much is outstanding?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) No.

(2) No.

(3) The amount outstanding collection is Rs. 15,417—9—0

Visits to Kolinjampara by the Veterinary Inspector at Tattamangalam—representations for.

383. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether representations have been made to them showing the necessity of at least the visiting of Kolinjampara by the Veterinary Inspector at Tattamangalam twice a week;

(2) if so, what action have they taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) According to the existing order of things the Veterinary Inspector is visiting the villages in his jurisdiction whenever he gets information of the prevalence of any disease or epidemic and giving the necessary help. This system will be continued.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do the Veterinary Inspectors generally go camping in the rural parts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government is informed that they do.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government issued orders that they should go and camp in rural parts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I suppose their diary will show that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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APPENDIX III.

(*Vide answer to question* No. *381*).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Development Department.

House tax—Chittur Municipal Council—general reduction of.

READ letter C. No. 20/08, dated 4th Thulam 1108 from the Chairman, Chittur Municipal Council.

Order D. Dis. 3795/1108, dated 2nd November 1932.

Government regret that they cannot accept the resolution of the Council.

(True extract)

(Sd.)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chairman, Chittur Municipal Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Development Department.

House tax—Chittur Muncipal Council—general reduction of.

READ letter C. No. 20/08, dated 22nd November 1932 from the Chairman, Chittur Municipal Council.

Order D.Dis. 6233/1108, dated 14th December 1932.

The Diwan discussed the matter with the Chairman. There are no reasons to reconsider at present the orders already passed.

2. The Council may however raise the question when the revised estimates for 1108 and the budget estimates for 1109 are submitted for orders.

(True extract)

(Sd.)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chairman, Chittur Municipal Council.

APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide answer to question* No. *390*).

Books suggested for the Council Library by Members.

1.	The Reports (full and abridged) of Whitley's Labour Commission	21—9—1931
2.	Socialistic Gandhavalis of Mr. P. Kesava Dev, Parur	22—10—1931
3.	Graphic	28—10—1931
4.	Five and three years Plans of Russia (2 books)	21—4—1108
5.	The State and Revolution by Lenin (1917)	do
6.	H. W. Laidla, History of Socialist Thought (1927)	do
7.	Shaw, the Intelligent Woman's Guide to Capitalism and Socialism (1928)	do
8.	H. W. Wells—New Worlds for old (1908)	do
9.	Poverty and Waste—Hartely Withers	13—12—1932

Books already got down.

1. Whitley's Labour Commission Report
2. The five years Plan of Russia

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